

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 17, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebaugh (R)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Alexis Sandru, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 228, 2/10/2017
SB 198, 2/10/2017
SB 233, 2/10/2017
SR 36, 2/10/2017

Discussion On: SR 4

Committee Business:

00:00:43 Chair Howard

HEARING ON SB 228

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:55 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB 228, Exempting needle and syringe exchange providers from drug paraphernalia laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:38 Sandra Jones, mayor, City of Roundup

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a01\)](#)

00:10:12 Dr. Marc Mentel, family doctor, member, Montana Medical Association

00:13:55 Christa Weathers, executive director, Open Aid Alliance

00:16:19 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a02\)](#)

00:16:43 Senator Caferro entered the hearing.

00:19:26 Stephanie Cole, director of programs, Open Aid Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a03\)](#)

00:22:31 Kelly Lynch, deputy director, legal counsel, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:23:39 Shelly Carney, representing herself and Open Aid Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a04\)](#)

00:26:09 Jane Smilie, Montana Public Health Association, Association of Montana Public Health Officials

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a05\)](#)

00:27:16 Amanda Reese, representing herself and Open Aid Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(phs35a06\)](#)

00:30:57 Carolyn Casey, outreach worker, founder and director, Connections

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:35 Sen. Moore

00:37:07 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS

00:37:32 Sen. Sands

00:41:25 Mr. Murphy
00:42:07 Sen. Moore
00:42:34 Mr. Murphy
00:42:42 Chair Howard
00:43:05 Mr. Murphy
00:43:23 Sen. Hinebauch
00:44:24 Ms. Lynch, MLCT

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:30 Sen. Ankney

Committee Discussion on SR 4:

00:46:02 Sheila Hogan, acting director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

00:46:09 Sen. Olszewski
00:52:34 Ms. Hogan, DPHHS
00:52:47 Sen. Olszewski
00:53:45 Sen. Moore
00:57:46 Ms. Hogan
00:58:21 Sen. Gross
00:59:08 Ms. Hogan
00:59:47 Sen. C. Smith
01:01:15 Ms. Hogan
01:02:14 Sen. Caferro
01:09:24 Sen. Gross
01:10:17 Chair Howard
01:10:32 Ms. Hogan
01:10:48 Sen. Sands
01:11:21 Chair Howard
01:11:27 Sen. Sands

HEARING ON SB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:10 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 198, Establishing requirements for the EPSDT benefit.

01:13:52 Sen. Olszewski left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:15:00 Jackie Mohler, program manager, Family Outreach
[EXHIBIT\(phs35a07\)](#)

01:17:39 Jani McCall, Intermountain, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, Family Support Network
01:19:01 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana, also representing Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:20:08 Duane Preshinger, administrator, Health Resources Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:33 Sen. Caferro

HEARING ON SB 233

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:21:23 Sen. Mary Caferro (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 233, Revise DPHHS rulemaking on medicaid services for youth in foster care.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:25:26 Jackie Mohler, program manager, Family Outreach
01:26:32 Jani McCall, Intermountain, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, Family Support Network
01:27:43 Diana Tavary, Parents, Let's Unite for Kids
01:29:23 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

01:29:55 Duane Preshinger, administrator, Health Resources Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:31:18 Sen. Moore
01:31:39 Sen. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:11 Sen. Caferro

Sen. Gross assumed the role as Chair.

HEARING ON SR 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:33:53 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SR 36, Confirm Governor's appointees to Boards of Chiropractors and Dentistry.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:35:21 Sen. Howard

Chair Howard resumed the role as Chair.

Committee Business:

01:35:44 Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:38 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

Additional Documents

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